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Wendy R. Dixon, EIS Project Manager U. S. Department of Energy Office of Civilian Radioactive Management P. O. Box 30307 North Las Vegas, NV 89036-0307

Dear Ms. Dixon:

Our Organization is a citizens group concerned with public education on environmental matters. We are greatly interested in the prosed plan of the Department of Energy , the subject of your rec ent hearing here, totransport radioactive wastes via railroad s and highways to astorage site in Nevada.

As with many metropolitan areas, in recent years, we in St.Louis have had our share of serious truck and railroad accidents; some with the lost of lives and chemical pollution of air and water. Therefore, the prospect of similar accidents with the possible release of radioactive wastes is very disturbing.

| We would greatly appreciate receiving a summary of the findings of your current hearings. Decades ago, DOE studies concluded that storing spent nuclear reactor fuel away from individual reactors would be fifty six percent more expensive than keeping the radioactive wastes on site. These billions of dollars might better be spent on research to improve reactor safety and towards to development of controlled fusion .- in this century.

Many thanks for the very important work you are doing.

Very Truly yours,

Bernard C. Randolph Sr., M.D.

President